



Learning from the past to protect the future.

**Alabama Department of Public Health
State Team Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2015**

State Team Members Present:

Sue Ash (Proxy-Commissioner Nancy Buckner-AL Dept Human Resources)
Scott Belton (Proxy- Director Michael Sparks- AL Dept Forensic Sciences)
Stephen Boudreau, M.D. (AL Dept Forensic Sciences)
Aretha Bracy (ADPH Staff) (Proxy-Representative Jim McClendon-Chair of House Health Committee)
Richard Burleson (ADPH Staff) (Proxy-Don Williamson, M.D.-State Health Officer)
Christy Cain (Private Citizen)
Acquanetta Knight (Proxy-Commissioner Jim Reddoch-AL Dept. of Mental Health)
Johnny Long (Proxy-Gregory Davis, M.D.)
J.R. Sample (Private Citizen)
Jerry Williams (Private Citizen)
Dale Wisely, Ph.D. (Private Citizen)

Guests/Staff Present:

Folashadé Ayanwale (ADPH Staff)
Wendy Caraway (ADPH Staff)
Bob Hinds (ADPH Staff)
Theresa Lawson (ADPH Staff)
Dr. Jim McVay (ADPH Staff)
Dr. Albert Woolbright (ADPH Staff)
Kay Julians (AL Dept of Forensic Sciences)

Conference Call:

Chief Bradley Kendrick (AL Association of Chiefs of Police Representative)
Melissa Peters, M.D. (Children's Hospital of AL)
Colonel John Richardson (AL Dept Public Safety)
Gina South (AL Network Children's Advocacy Centers)
Debra Williams, M.D. (AL Academy of Pediatrics)
Ernest Wood, M.D. (Private Citizen)

Call to Order

On January 22, 2015, at approximately 1:00 PM at the Alabama Industrial Development Training (AIDT) Center in Montgomery, Alabama, the Alabama Child Death Review System (ACDRS) State Team meeting was called to order by Aretha Bracy.

Welcome of Members and Guests

Ms. Aretha Bracy welcomed everyone and introductions were made by those in attendance.

Old Business

State Team Membership Update

Please provide information so that your contact information is correct. Twenty-seven positions are filled and there is 1 vacancy: Coroner's Association.

Past Minutes Approved Electronically

All minutes have been approved electronically.

ACDRS Annual Report

The printing of the 2010-2011 has been postponed due to restructuring and downsizing. Report is set to go to graphics within next couple of days.

Case Status Update

The 2010-2011 cases are still being reported. There will be a lower number of case completion in Annual Report because of the cases reviewed have increased.

- 2010 cases 70% → 83%
- 2011 cases 53% → 66%

The 2012 cases are due April 1, 2015 and the coordinators are eager to review cases.

- 2014 6 of 7 teams inactive and 4 teams recently became active

Two of the 7 teams have will be obtaining assistance to become active.

2014 Biennial Training Conference Summary

The 2014 Biennial Training Conference was a success with 55 participants: 25 of 40 of local teams was represented. We also had 7 state team members present. The "Emerging Trends" panel was very well received. Most participants would like to cut out one dinner to have "dinner on their own," during next conference.

SADD Update

Coosa Community Services, Inc will be hosting a SADD conference in North East Alabama March 5th-7th at Wallace State Community College and Gadsden State Community College. CED Mental Health will be hosting a "Teen Rally" March 10th-12th in Anniston, Alabama.

Teen Driver Safety Summits

Four "Teen Driving" Summits sponsored by StateFarm and hosted by ADPH, ALDOT, Children's Hospital, Injury Free Coalition and Mothers Against Drunk Driving will take place in early Spring:

- March 4th, 2015 Bryant Conference Center
- March 17th Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza
- April 15th Von Braun Center
- April 22nd University Center (Auburn University)

CPS Clinics

Consumer Product Safety inspections will continue to take place throughout the Spring and Summer.

New Business

Personnel Change & Move

Theresa Lawson, the Administrative Assistant to Child Death Review has transferred to Family Health Services. CDR office has changed suites but is still housed on the 9th floor. New suite number is notated in all correspondences.

H.R. 669 (113th): Sudden Unexpected Death Data Enhancement and Awareness Act

This bill was signed into law by the President in December 2014 and requires that the federal government continue their efforts related to child death data collection, public education, and death investigation.

Dr. Albert Woolbright, ADPH

Dr. Woolbright spoke of recent statistics of "Causes of death in Alabama" 2013 child deaths excluding infant deaths (1-17 year olds).

Tentative 2015 Meeting Dates

- **Thursday, April 16, 2015**
- **Thursday, July 16, 2015 (Conference call)**
- **Thursday, October 15, 2015**

The proposed dates and meeting location would remain until further notice.

Open Discussion

- Ms. Bracy has been in touch with the Recreational Safety Analyst in Arkansas regarding their ATV Safety Initiative. Arkansas has provided print materials and other information on their successful efforts to promote ATV Safety.
- Alabama Academy of Pediatrics working to get a pediatric safe sleep champion to promote infant safe sleep best practices.
- After a brief discussion, the suggestion was made that EMS responders be included on State Team.

Executive Session (if necessary)

An executive session was not called during this meeting.

Adjourn

There being no further items on the agenda and no further discussion requested, without objection, the meeting was adjourned.